

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

The Office Action requires restriction of the pending claims 1 – 50 to one of two allegedly patentably distinct inventions. Applicants elect the invention identified as “Group I” in the Office Action, drawn to a process of applying a pharmaceutical composition, without traverse. Group I includes claims 1 – 27.

The Office Action also requires election of species from several groups, groups (1) – (6). Applicants elect the following species from each group, and submit that the following claims from the elected invention group, Group I, read on the elected species:

| Group | Species Elected | Claims Encompassed |
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| (1) Process Step | (a) inducing a change in corneal power | Claims 1 – 3, 5 – 27. |
| (2) Vehicle | (a) methylcellulose, cellulose | Claims 1 – 27. |
| (3) Form | (b) gel, semi-solid gel | Claims 1 – 14 & 16 – 27. |
| (4) Composition | (b) hypotonic | Claims 1 – 16 & 18 – 27. |
| (5) Catalyst / Enzyme | (a) hyaluronidase | Claims 1 – 4 & 5 – 27. |
| (6) Ophthalmologic Condition | (a) presbyopia | Claims 1 – 24. |

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any outstanding issues. Early favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,
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